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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-29 and 33-35 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 36-48:

1 --36. (New Claim) The program product of claim 30, wherein the program
2 further includes an evaluation module configured to select the selected program module
3 based upon the objective criteria.

1 37. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the program further
2 includes a reinforcement learning module, coupled to the evaluation module and
3 configured to adaptively select program modules based upon the performance of the
4 plurality of program modules in handling the computer task.

1 38. (New Claim) The program product of claim 37, wherein the reinforcement
2 learning module comprises an adaptive heuristic critic neural network.

39. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the evaluation module is configured to retrieve information for a selected computer task, determine a selected value for the objective criteria for the selected computer task, and select as the selected program module one of the plurality of program modules which is matched with the selected value of the objective criteria.

1 40. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the evaluation
2 module is implemented in an agent manager.

1 41. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the evaluation
2 module is implemented in the intelligent agent.

42. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the intelligent agent includes only the selected program module from the plurality of program modules, and wherein the evaluation module is configured to construct the intelligent agent using the selected program module.

43. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the intelligent agent includes each of the plurality of program modules, and wherein the evaluation module is configured to execute only the selected program module to handle the computer task.

1 44. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the plurality of
2 program modules are additive program modules, and wherein the evaluation module is
3 configured to select a subset of the plurality of program modules to handle the computer
4 task.